

## IN THE CLAIMS

41.(Currently amended) In a computer with a memory that is able to store data at a series of addresses in said memory, an input means that can be used to store data in said memory at said respective series of addresses, an output device which is operatively connected to said memory for presenting to an output space of at least one dimension said data stored in said memory at said series of addresses, the method of:

allowing a computer user to ~~dynamically and automatically~~ subdivide a software work product, such as a document, ~~and further subdivide any subdivisions until it can not be subdivided further.~~ to create one or more subdivisions, said subdivisions being capable of being further subdivided as required.

42.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: when displaying the whole software work product or any subdivision, automatically updating the whole software work product or any subdivision with the most current version of any and all subdivisions of what is being displayed.

43.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having one or more participants separately control the actions on said subdivisions while not allowing one or more other participants to separately control the actions on said subdivisions.

44.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having any participant display the whole software work product or any subdivision.

45.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having any participant who does not have control of any subdivision and modifies any subdivision, upon saving, the modification will not overwrite the existing stored subdivision and the participant will automatically be queried to suggest the modification as an alternative; and if permission

granted, the alternative will be stored separately under the control of the participant who makes the suggestion and associated with the original subdivision that is not under control of the participant.

46.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having any participant suggest an alternative of a software work product or any subdivision that will be stored separately under the control of the participant who makes the suggestion and associated with the original software work product or subdivision.

47.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: aggregating subdivisions into a subdivision that contains said aggregated subdivisions.

48.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having a participant create new software work products and associate them with said subdivisions.

49.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein:

said subdividing further comprises physically subdividing the software work product.

50.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein:

said subdividing further comprises logically subdividing the software work product.

51.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having a participant place controls on the kinds of actions that can occur on each subdivision.

52.(Currently amended) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: not storing the content of the subdivision within the parent whole work product or subdivision, but ~~with~~storing markers to indicate subdivision location.

53.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having a participant determine what data he or she will receive about actions on said subdivisions.

54.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: having a participant determine what data will automatically be transmitted about actions on said subdivisions to other participants.

55.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: recording an action on said subdivisions.

56.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: associating actions on said subdivisions.

57.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: creating entirely new software work products from combining said subdivisions from other software work products.

58.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, further comprising: associating any subdivision with any other subdivision in the same or different software work products.

59.(Previously presented) A method, comprising: integrating collaboration functionality within existing software applications.

60.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 59, further comprising: placing a window within the application space itself.

61.(Previously presented) The method of Claim 59, further comprising: controlling actions based on capturing keystrokes within the applications.